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Cal-Learn is a Statewide program that provides intensive case management services to assist pregnant and parenting CalWORKs participants, who are 19 years old and younger, to complete their high school education. Cal-Learn case management services are provided to approximately 3,200 pregnant and parenting teens with 3,076 children who are between the ages of 0 to 5.

On March 24, 2011, the Governor signed into law several budget-related bills that include the suspension of the entire Cal-Learn program—except for the issuance of bonuses to Cal-Learn participants for FY 2011-12.

As a result, approximately 3,200 teens in Los Angeles County are scheduled to lose access to the intensive case management services they currently receive from the four Adolescent Family Life Program (AFLP) agencies, which receive funding through contracts with the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS). Some of these teens can be managed by DPSS staff, which will monitor the teens' school attendance, progress and supportive services needs. However, within the overall population, there is a high-risk group, consisting of teens most in danger of dropping out of school during the State's one-year suspension of funding for the Cal-Learn program.

On May 17, 2011, the Board unanimously approved sending a formal request to the First 5 Los Angeles Commission (First 5 LA) to consider bridge funding of \$2.9 million to partially

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address the FY 2011-12 suspension of State Cal-Learn funding to allow the high-risk teens who are most in need of these services, to continue receiving assistance.

On May 31, 2011, the Board delegated authority to the DPSS Director or his designee, to terminate for convenience, the Cal-Learn Case Management contracts with four AFLP agencies not sooner than June 30, 2011, if funding is not secured in the estimated amount of 2.9 million from First 5 LA prior to June 16, 2011.

On June 9, 2011, First 5 LA approved an allocation of bridge funding in the amount of \$2.9 million for FY 2011-12. This will allow continued assistance for approximately 1,300 high-risk teens on a monthly basis.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

- 1) Delegate authority to the Director of DPSS, or his designee, to negotiate and execute a standard contract with First 5 LA for receipt of a maximum of \$2.9 million dollars in funds for the payment of services provided under the County's Cal-Learn Case Management contracts with the four Adolescent Family Life Program (AFLP) agencies to serve high-risk Cal-Learn teens with children between the ages of 0 to 5; provided that a) prior Chief Executive Office and County Counsel approval as to form is obtained, and b) the Director or his designee notifies the Board in writing within ten days after execution.
- 2) Authorize the Director of DPSS or his designee to accept additional conditions if required by First 5 LA and/or to modify the County's mandated terms and conditions in this contract, provided that a) prior Chief Executive Office and County Counsel approval as to form is obtained, and b) the Director or his designee, notifies the Board in writing at least three days prior to execution.